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F I E L D N O T E S

OCTOBER 9, 1967

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, SEPT. 29:

WARDEN ORAL PAGE, BELGRADE: BEECHNUTS SEEM TO BE SCARCE THIS YEAR, BUT THERE ARE A FAIR AMOUNT OF ACORNS.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: SOME COMPLAINTS OF SHOOTING OF PHEASANTS IN THE BRISTOL AREA; OTHERWISE, IT IS VERY QUIET IN THE DISTRICT. THE WEATHER HASN'T BEEN VERY GOOD THIS WEEK. HAVE FOUND A LOT OF BEAVER COLONIES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE TRAPPED OUT THIS WINTER FOR MOST OF THEM ARE NEAR THE ROAD OR BUILDING IN CULVERTS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR VIRGIL GRANT, DIV. H, HOULTON, OCT. 3:

WARDEN JOHN ROBERTSON, PORTAGE LAKE: I HAD A REPORT OF A BULL MOOSE NEAR PORTAGE LAKE DRAGGING ABOUT 300 FEET OF TELEPHONE WIRE ATTACHED TO HIS ANTLERS. BY THE TIME I WAS ABLE TO LOOK FOR HIM, THE MOOSE HAD GONE. FIVE DAYS LATER HE WAS SIGHTED IN THE FISH RIVER FALLS AREA. THE SOUNDS OF A WOODS OPERATION EVIDENTLY TURNED HIM FROM HIS COURSE AND HE BECAME ENTAGLED. APPARENTLY, ON HEARING ME APPROACHING HE PANICKED AND MANAGED TO BREAK THE WIRE OFF NEAR HIS HEAD. THE WIRE HE HAD DRAGGED FOR A WEEK MEASURED 282 FEET. HE HAD DRAGGED IT MORE THAN EIGHT MILES THROUGH THE WOODS!

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, OCT. 4:

DURING SEPTEMBER, ESPECIALLY THE LAST WEEK, THE FISHING IN THE FISH RIVER LAKES WAS ABOUT AS GOOD AS I HAVE EVER SEEN. IT WAS BETTER, BY FAR, THAN WE HAVE HAD DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. TWO TROPHY SALMON WERE TAKEN. ONE FROM SQUARE LAKE BY MR. PETER ISAACSON OF LEWISTON. THIS SALMON WEIGHED 8 LBS. 12 OZ. MR. ISAACSON WAS FISHING WITH MR. HERBERT GARFINKLE OF NEW YORK. HENRY BOUCHER OF SINCLAIR, MAINE, CAUGHT ONE WEIGHING 10 POUNDS, IN THE MUD AND CROSS LAKE THOROUGHFARE AT THE KELLY LOG POOL. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TROPHY CAUGHT BY MR. BOUCHER. HE TAKES MOST OF HIS FISH ON FLIES. A FEW DAYS OF THE GROUSE SEASON HAVE GONE BY AND THERE ARE MIXED OPINIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF BIRDS AVAILABLE. SOME HUNTERS ARE NOT SEEING MANY, AND OTHERS REPORT SEEING 7 TO 10, BUT FOLIAGE IS A PROBLEM AS YET. EACH YEAR WE ARE SEEING A FEW MORE BIRD HUNTERS USING DOGS. WE ARE HAVING THE MOST TROUBLE WITH BEAVER THAT I CAN RECALL. I HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT WORK ON BEAVER COMPLAINTS SINCE SEPTEMBER 29. THE HEAVY RAINS NOT ONLY STARTED THE SALMON MOVING, IT SURE STARTED THE BEAVER WORKING.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV.J, BINGHAM, SEPT. 28:

BEAR ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN THE NEWS; MANY PEOPLE REPORT SEEING THEM ALONG THE ROADS. THE SHORTAGE OF APPLES IN THE OLD ORCHARDS COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF BEAR.

VERY LITTLE FISHING PRESSURE AT THE END OF THE SEASON, PERHAPS THE FINAL SATURDAY COMING UP WILL SHOW AN INCREASE. THE PARTRIDGE SITUATION LOOKS BETTER AROUND THE OLD FARM LANDS IN THE LOWER DIVISION THAN THE WOODS AREA UP COUNTRY.

VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN THE EARLY OPEN SEASON ON WOODCOCK; THOSE HUNTERS THAT WERE OUT REPORT FINDING BIRDS BUT THAT THEY WERE SCATTERED. WET COVERS AS COMPARED WITH THE DRY ONES OF THE PAST SEASONS WOULD TEND TO SPREAD THE BIRDS OUT.